

REMARKS

In this response, claims 1 and 13 have been amended. Claims 2, 5, 7, 8, 16, 18, 19 and 20 are original. Claims 4, 6, 9-12, 15, 17 and 21 are previously presented. Claims 3 and 14 are cancelled. Claim 22 is withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 1-2, 4-13 and 15-21 remain pending in the application.

With reference to claim 1, the blank is now connected by a first end to itself at a second end to form a tube which defines the blank in question as the full width of the relevant blank. In Wasyluka that width is from 22 to 22'. It is also stated in claim 1 that the connecting part "extends along a single minor part only of the edge of the blank adjacent the engaging means". So that must be a comparison of the length of the connecting part in a single part with the entire length of the blank otherwise the blank cannot connect at first and second ends to form a tube.

In Wasyluka the line indicated at reference numeral 24 is a "connecting score" (column 3, lines 21-25) with cut edges 33 forming tabs 31 and 32. The cut edges are a minor part of the length of each panel 20, 21 of Wasyluka and are a very minor part of the length of the blank as a whole. This is totally contrary to the presently claimed invention in which it is the connecting part that extends for a minor length of the blank. Wasyluka does not provide the advantage in manufacture that the present invention provides. If the Wasyluka construction is top clamped (i.e. clamp the panels roughly where the numeral

24 is directed in Figure 2), then as it is rolled into shape the differential diameters between the inner and outer layers would cause deformations.

For all of the reasons discussed above, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the application are now in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore requested at an early date. If the Examiner believes that issues remain for discussion, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or any underpayments which may be required for the above-referenced application to Deposit Account No. 01-0265.

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